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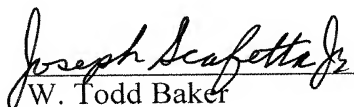
The following is a Request for Certificate of Correction in Serial Number 10/616,926, now U.S. Patent Number 7,267,645.

A certificate of correction under 34 USC 255 and 37 CFR 1.323 is respectfully requested in the above-identified patent.

Since the errors are not the fault of the Patent Office, a credit card form in the amount of \$100.00 is submitted. The errors are minor and their correction would not entail re-examination or constitute new matter, and are readily apparent from the context of the specification. The requested corrections are listed on FORM P.T.O. 1050.

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It is certified that an error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the title page, Item (75), the third inventor's city of residence information is incorrect. Item (75) should read:

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